

The Pacific



MRS. LYNDA GOODSSELL BLAKE

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

When this issue of The Pacific reaches its readers the state Conference meetings will be in full swing. Dr. Douglas Horton will be a member of the team of speakers at the first eight of the conferences, his final date being at San Francisco on Tuesday night, the 9th.

Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake will participate in every meeting of the schedule, bringing her interpretation of the people, times, and opportunities in Turkey. Mrs. Blake was born in Berlin, while her parents, our own Dr. and Mrs. Fred Field Goodsell, were studying there. She is the granddaughter of our beloved Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, who for more than forty years served churches in our Conference. Mrs. Blake is a graduate of Wellesley College and has studied at the University of California and Pacific School of Religion. With her husband, Rev. Everett C. Blake, she has been a missionary in Turkey since 1928. She has taught music, French, English, chemistry, and home economics, in Istanbul, Merzifoun, and Izmir. Her last post was at the American Collegiate Institute, a school for Turkish girls with high academic rating. Following her report to the Prudential Committee of the American Board, Ronald Bridges, our national Moderator, said to the editor of The Pacific: "That is the best missionary speech I ever heard."

The September issue of THE PACIFIC carried announcement of the dates of the Conference meetings. This issue will not reach its readers in time for the full schedule to be of any value, but the following is the list of dates beginning with October 11. The meeting at Sonoma has been combined with the one at Santa Rosa.

Thursday, October 11—Santa Rosa
Friday evening, October 12 to Sunday,
October 14—Ferndale and Eureka
Tuesday, October 16—Weaverville
Thursday, October 18—Alturas
Friday, October 19—Paradise
Sunday, October 21—Oroville
Monday, October 22—Auburn
Tuesday, October 23—Pittsburg
Wednesday, October 24—Benicia
Thursday, October 25—San Jose
Friday, October 26—Pacific Grove
Sunday, October 28—Santa Cruz.

To the Congregational Churches of Northern California

Greeting:

The officers and Executive Committee of your General Council, in pursuance of a deeply felt duty, hereby set forth for your consideration and action the responsibilities and opportunities which confront us as a fellowship of churches in the immediate years of peace.

As we give thanks to God for the ending of a war which threatened our basic freedoms, we recognize the supreme importance of a determined and consecrated will among us to serve the peoples of the world by working toward the achievement of international order and a lasting peace.

We recognize also that the ending of the war leaves us facing great areas—countries, even continents—where human beings are burdened in body, mind and spirit almost beyond power to endure. As followers of Jesus Christ we have a first duty to our needy fellow men.

From us who call ourselves the Churches of Christ should come leadership in the efforts to attain world unity and peace and in healing the wounds of war. Among us are rooted and from us must continue to stem spiritual realities and healing love. These must prevail through the years to come if our aim, His way upon earth, is to be assured.

We therefore call upon each church of our communion:

To maintain and intensify the life of its own church community, that the people may be sustained during their difficult period of adjustment to peacetime conditions;

To assist in the enlarging program of our denomination through prompt and generous support of the plan for a Substantial and Courageous Increase in giving. By this means our ongoing work may be maintained, our churches strengthened at home and abroad, and special needs and opportunities occasioned by the war may be met;

To assist also in the immensely important program of aid to war victims, the rehabilitation of peoples uprooted by the war, and the reconstruction of church life and properties around the world by giving—and sacrificial giving—to our Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction;

To act with the churches of our fellowship in furthering not only our own program but that of the World Church. The quickening power of the name of Christ may through the common effort of all who serve Him reach into the darkened places of this earth.

We firmly believe that through united action our churches will not only be able to meet the challenge of these times but also under God find a new sense of fulfillment as we labor in His name and for their sake. The officers and staff of your General Council and its cooperating bodies hold themselves ready to aid you in every possible way in carrying out these purposes.

RONALD BRIDGES, Moderator of General Council;
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HARLEY H. GILL, Conference Superintendent;
RALPH V. CONARD, Chairman for Northern California.

Pilgrim Fellowship

Mid-winter Conference

San Mateo, Dec. 26-29

Date-books for young people and pastors should be blazoned with the dates: December 26-29, for the Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference. A traditional feature of the holiday season, the conference is a time both for reunions and for new plans in our youth work.

San Mateo, host to Midwinter in 1939, bids us welcome this year through Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, pastor, and Mrs. Grace Bielar, director of youth work.

President Mary Meadows and the P. F. Cabinet have begun plans, though no announcements can be made as yet. The Conference will begin Wednesday evening, December 26, and close Saturday morning, the 29th, with state Cabinet continuing in session the 29th.

Attention, Directors

The regular meeting of the Conference Board of Directors will be omitted for October. The meeting of the entire Board, when organization is set up for the year, will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at the Conference office.

POSTWAR PROGRAM

A splendid beginning has been made in bringing before our churches Northern California's opportunity in helping to meet post-war needs. The Conference Board of Directors appointed Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda to be general chairman. Associated with him will be a committee representative of every geographical area of the Conference, of the Federation of Congregational Women, the Pilgrim Fellowship, the laity, and the ministry.

Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, minister and secretary of the Missions Council, met with a large group including the committee on September 17. The whole subject was thoroughly investigated and discussed, and plans were outlined. Putting the whole matter succinctly, Northern California is asked to increase its regular apportionment giving by one-third beginning with January first. This additional one-third is our part of the national amount for a Substantial and Courageous Increase. We are also asked to double the amount of our giving to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. This does not mean that we are asking individual people to double their giving. What we are asking is that double the number of people shall give the modest amount of 25 cents per week. Attractive literature is being furnished by our national offices, public presentation is to be made at the Conference meetings, and a continuing educational process is to be carried on. The total amount for the nation as a whole is about \$4,500,000. Our Presbyterian friends are seeking 27 million and our Methodist friends in their Crusade for Christ have raised \$12 for every man, woman, and child in their California Conference.

REV. EDWIN T. SHERMAN

The September PACIFIC carried the bare announcement of the death of Rev. Edwin T. Sherman of Rio Vista, which occurred September 4. Mr. Sherman was born in Cleveland. He was educated in the Y.M.C.A. College in Chicago, Hanover College, Indiana, and University of Chicago Divinity School. During student days he was engaged in Y.M.C.A. work. Following graduation he served as an assistant minister in Pasadena, but he was ordained in 1907 in Brookfield, Ill. From there he went to Corvallis, Oregon, leaving a beautiful new church when he went into Y.M.C.A. work during the first World War. He was associated with Dr. Albert Palmer in the Central Union Church of Honolulu and later was pastor of Bishop Church and chaplain of the Kamehameha Schools. Upon returning to the mainland, he took over new project at Broadmoor, again building a beautiful church edifice. After six years he was called to Lodi, and again at the end of six years became Field Secretary for the Northern California Conference. During his period of service the young people's work of our conference took form and greatly increased in strength. He also assisted more than 30 churches to lift their financial support to higher levels. He went to Rio Vista three years ago. In 1907 he was married to Miss Edith E. Freeman, an artist of great ability, who sacrificed what would have been a distinguished career to serve the churches, in a beautiful way, with her husband. Mrs. Sherman and their three children survive him. His influence will long remain in this Conference.

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CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

The Church Christmas Package Project is well under way. Plans are now being worked out in detail to ship cartons overseas. Because of the difficulties of summertime promotion the cartons have not yet been ordered in as large numbers as we hoped. In order to give a full chance to more churches to join in this plan the date is being extended.

Christmas cartons which reach the warehouse headquarters by October 15th we believe have a good chance of being delivered overseas by Christmas. However, the contents of these cartons are so significant for life and fellowship in other countries that we would encourage church members to send in their cartons up to November 15th. They will be sent forward as Christmas gifts.

The Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction worked out a plan so that church people can send contributed supplies of various kinds including clothing, shoes, white cross supplies and similar useful articles. Church distributing agencies are already set up in several countries in Europe and Asia. Supplies contributed by churches here can be forwarded to these church groups abroad and will assist very greatly in restoring the life and functioning of churches and church people all across the world. They will have a real part in saving life and undergirding peace.

Urgent appeals have just been received from the Philippines, from Korea and Thailand for supplies of this sort. For Korea, heavy clothing for men, women and children will be most useful. For the Philippines and Thailand, cotton clothing is most essential. Garments sent in should be cleaned and mended and in good shape to wear. They can be addressed to the United Church Service Center and sent either to Modesto, California, or to New Windsor, Maryland.

THANK YOU!

Every person of Japanese ancestry owes an ever-increasing debt of gratitude to the Christian churches of this nation. Without doubt they have done more and are doing more to integrate and re-establish nisei and their loyal parents in American life than any other group or organization.

The day when the church offered only spiritual aid and teaching is long past, and girding itself to meet the demands of a constantly changing world, the Christian church has become the Church Militant.

The churches were a long step ahead of everyone in the relocation of evacuees. Different groups organized hostels inviting workers out to aid in the national war effort and to re-establish themselves at the same time. Undoubtedly, the Christian churches are responsible for the relocation and re-establishment of more evacuees than any other organization or all other groups combined.—From the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*, Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

SLIPPING?

The columns below tell their story,—only \$700 ahead of last year's giving, whereas at the end of June we were more than \$2,000 ahead. A study of previous years indicates that the slump was caused by all those gaps in the first column, the giving for the month of September. Will pastors and treasurers particularly look at the record for their churches? Perhaps remittances were overlooked during busy September, but whatever the cause, let us turn our efforts in this last quarter of 1945 to bringing benevolence giving triumphantly above the record for last year.

CHURCH	Sept., 1945	Jan. 11 to Sept., 1945	Jan. 11 to Sept., 1944
Adin	\$ 10.00	\$ 38.80	\$ 617.33
Alameda	57.80	711.77	58.60
Alturas		63.10	37.59
Angels Camp	50.00	153.00	58.34
Antioch		75.16	121.60
Auburn	10.00	125.50	230.00
Benicia		77.99	65.80
Berkeley, Arlington		4,641.17	4,336.91
First		45.05	413.14
Northbrae			304.50
South		434.57	155.00
Campbell		154.00	50.00
Cedarville			81.71
Cloverdale	21.45	69.40	86.14
Cotati		85.00	104.06
Crockett	18.65	50.44	5.84
Etna			362.97
Eureka	80.90	426.53	25.00
Fairfax		65.94	347.50
Ferndale		252.60	811.24
Fresno, First	350.00	900.00	200.00
Pilgrim		414.62	54.05
Glen Ellen		21.00	33.87
Guerneville			100.00
Hayward		11.46	21.47
Kenwood			1,888.78
Lodi, First	40.00	1,609.00	46.85
Loleta		51.23	27.13
Loomis		80.18	278.86
Martinez	23.84	319.72	81.00
Murphys		83.40	55.00
Niles		55.00	3,680.00
Oakland, First	440.00	4,010.00	30.00
Fruitvale		30.00	15.00
Japanese			51.00
Pilgrim	6.00	51.00	1,003.60
Plymouth	207.61	944.45	36.00
Orinda	20.00	175.80	209.11
Oroville	4.56	228.91	281.54
Pacific Grove		265.15	250.00
Palo Alto		525.00	225.00
Paradise	25.00	200.00	50.00
Parlier			61.35
Penngrove			73.59
Pescadero			423.15
Petaluma			154.50
Pittsburg	41.40	37.54	105.82
Port Chicago		800.00	400.00
Porterville		210.07	493.39
Redwood City		25.00	
Reedley		70.00	44.00
Rio Vista		182.40	179.85
Ripon		720.00	790.00
Sacramento	80.00	720.00	65.00
Salida		86.00	128.01
San Carlos	30.20	190.20	
San Francisco		225.00	223.00
Rethany, Msn. Pk.			30.00
Calvary		558.27	657.40
First		66.15	80.00
Ocean View		130.00	82.00
Park Presidio		444.52	559.84
San Jose	32.80	152.70	103.15
San Leandro	19.35	152.70	103.15
San Mateo	100.00	610.95	1,167.15
San Rafael		79.00	105.00
Santa Cruz	100.00	575.00	645.00
Santa Rosa	12.00	144.00	154.50
Saratoga		351.05	465.80
Sebastopol		221.60	245.11
Sonoma		46.68	113.50
Soquel		90.00	118.00
Stockton	66.37	535.11	431.28
Suisun	9.00	84.00	75.00
Sunnyvale	53.06	53.06	50.30
Tulare		545.00	449.00
Weaverville		75.00	70.00
Woodside		73.80	53.80
Reno, Nevada	22.25	386.65	434.29
*Miscellaneous and Individual	28.81	885.56	1,235.82

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*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German Churches.

MARTINEZ. A congregation of 142 people gave Rev. Donald F. Gavlord a welcome on his first Sunday. On September 30 Sunday School teachers and officers were installed.

ORDINATIONS

A significant service of ordination was held at Plymouth Congregational Church of Oakland on Tuesday, September 18, when George A. Garcia was set apart for the ministry of the Congregational Christian Churches. Mr. Garcia is a native of the Philippine Islands. He became interested in the ministry while living in Hawaii. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and the Pacific School of Religion.

Rev. Ralph V. Conard was the moderator of the council. The international and interdenominational aspects of the church were symbolized by those participating in the service. Rev. Edwar Lee, Chinese and a Methodist, read the Scripture; the right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Norio Ozaki, Japanese; the call to worship and invocation was delivered by Mr. Roy Nichols, Negro; greetings were extended by Rev. Galen Lee Rose of the Christian Church; the ordination sermon was given by Prof. Hugh Vernon White, and the charge to the minister by Prof. Buell D. Gallagher, both of Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Robert Inglis, pastor of the church, offered the prayer of ordination, and Mr. Herbert H. Sack brought greetings and congratulations from the Plymouth Church.

Mr. Garcia and his talented wife, the former Miss Maria I. Dayoan, will soon return to Hawaii for Christian work.

Torrance R. Jones was ordained to the Christian ministry by a council of the Santa Clara Association on Sunday evening, September 16, in his home church at San Mateo. Torrance Jones grew up in the San Mateo church, was active in their Sunday School, choir, and Pilgrim Fellowship. He is a graduate of Whittier College and studied at Chicago, Pacific, and Oberlin Theological seminaries.

Rev. Fred R. Morrow was moderator of the council. The Scripture was read by Rev. H. J. Loken of San Carlos, the ordination sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, the charge to the candidate was given by Prof. Chester C. McCown, and the right hand of fellowship extended by Rev. Burton M. Palmer of Woodside. The church was beautifully decorated. In the laying on of hands there were representatives of the local Church, the Association, the state Conference, the ecumenical church, and the worldwide church. Mr. Jones expects to work in the middle west.

The many friends of Robert Wood and his wife, Mary Fulmer Wood, will be interested to learn that he was ordained at the First Church of Long Beach on September 13. These fine young people will sail in the near future for service in our churches in the Hawaiian Islands.

CAZADERO AVAILABLE

Congregational Cazadero belongs to us all, and is open for use by all groups from our churches. Groups wishing to make use of the camp during the winter and spring months must send written requests, at least two weeks in advance of date desired. For further information, or use of camp, write to Field Secretary Wm. W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

BOOKS FOR SAILORS

Chaplain Richard P. Carter, on duty now in the Naval Hospital at Mare Island, is gathering a library of religious books for the use of men in the hospital. He would be grateful for contributions of such books, new or second hand. The chaplain says the men appreciate the better type of books. The most popular in the realm of fiction is "The Robe." Non-technical books of religious thought will be welcomed. Books should be addressed to Chaplain Carter at Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.

SHERMAN MEMORIAL

"Pop" Sherman, as he was affectionately called by a host of young people, is to be remembered in the way he would have liked best. His whole life, in a peculiar way, was given to youth. Beginning with the Y. M. C. A., director of religious education and young people's work in some of our great churches, service to the young men of our armed forces in the First World War, gathering a houseful of Lodi's youth of several churches every Sunday evening until it became a tradition, director of several summer camps, giving impetus to Pilgrim Fellowship as Conference Field Secretary—in all of these activities he loved young people and was loved by them.

Mr. Sherman was almost the first one to declare that we should have our own property for summer camps. Cazadero was secured after he had returned to the pastorate, but he was deeply interested in it and jubilant over its acquisition. He led his church in making a substantial contribution.

Now he has passed from us, but several of his friends of their own volition saw the appropriateness of making gifts to Cazadero in his memory. The Cazadero Commission at once acted and announced that the first cabin for the housing of boys would be exactly the kind of memorial he would want. Several of these cabins must soon be provided. Total cost will be something like \$850 each. It is believed that many individuals will be most happy to participate in the cost of a "Pop Sherman Cabin." Many will respond from the three churches of our conference which he served, Broadmoor, Lodi First, and Rio Vista, and not a few from among the young people who knew him so well.

Readers of THE PACIFIC are invited to help. Send checks to Northern California Congregational Conference, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, marked "For Sherman Memorial."

JAPANESE HOSTEL OPEN HOUSE

A large crowd of interested people, both Japanese and Caucasian, were present at the Open House of the hostel being operated on the property of the Japanese Congregational Church of Oakland, on Sunday, September 23. Under the leadership of Rev. Norio Ozaki, and with the devoted labor of a number of Japanese people and young people of other churches, the property has been almost completely renovated. Not a dollar has been spent for labor, but \$500 has been put into materials. More than 100 people have made use of the hostel thus far while waiting for housing and jobs. About thirty are in residence at the present time, and a constant stream is coming and going. Rev. Robert Inglis of the Plymouth Church, presided. Superintendent Gill of the Conference brought greetings from sister churches and made a brief statement of the policy of the Congregational fellowship regarding the future of the Christian work among people of Japanese ancestry in America. Rev. Howard Thurman of the Fellowship Church of San Francisco delivered the main address. There was a remarkable exhibit of objects of art which had been made by Japanese people while interned in the Topaz Relocation Center—objects carved from stone, polished agates, beautiful ornaments from shells dug out of the desert, needlework, and paintings and drawings. This exhibit was an eloquent parable on rising above environment and adversity.



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BERKELEY

CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, FIRST. Ten members of the Women's League had attended the M. E. M. Conference at San Anselmo, and at the September 6 meeting a report was given. On the first Sunday in September, Rev. Reynold Boden of the Church of the Messiah of Los Angeles was guest speaker. An indoor picnic of families was held Friday evening, September 28. The speaker was Dr. William Briscoe, formerly of the Surgeon General's office of the U. S. Army. Miss Mae Baudin, Religious Education Director, assisted in the Vacation School held at Plymouth Church. During the vacation of Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, the pulpit was supplied by Prof. Buell Gallagher, Prof. Hugh Vernon White, and Rev. William McCormack of Springfield, Mass.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Through gifts of money and time, the people of this church and community have provided and planted lawn and shrubs which add much to the attractiveness of the building. Another donor has made possible a church sign to announce each week's activities. Church attendance showed no summer slump this year, and fall enrollment in the church school indicates real growth. Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, started an Adult Bible Class the last Sunday of September.

SAN MATEO. Early registrations indicate a record enrollment in the church school for the fall term. Mr. Paul Wood donated 50 new copies of the Pilgrim Hymnal. During the summer the patio has been improved at a cost of about \$750, all of which has been paid. The washrooms have been refurnished. A grand total of 60 from this church attended the various Cazadero camps. A new church directory has been published. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

PALO ALTO. A dozen young people attended the Cazadero rally of West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship in San Francisco. The opening meeting of the Women's Society took the form of a book shower for the Philippines. Two automobile loads were contributed and more are to follow. The first Church Family Night was addressed by the minister, Rev. Augustine Jones, who told the Japanese hero story of the "Forty-seven Ronins."

ADIN. A two weeks' vacation church school was held the latter part of August. Upon returning from her vacation, Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis, the pastor, found that the front porch of the parsonage had been painted, the floors of the two front rooms had been varnished, linoleum had been laid, windows and curtains cleaned, and the bedroom given a coat of paint.

NEW PROJECT IN SACRAMENTO—SIERRA OAKS VISTA

Rev. Mary McKee Chester and her husband, Rev. Joseph Chester, left the Fautleroy Church of Seattle after the morning service September 30, driving to Sacramento to take up residence in the new parsonage purchased in Sierra Oaks Vista. Following a few days of getting settled, active work will begin in that new and rapidly growing suburban community. Mrs. Chester has been pastor in Seattle 11 years. Her church released her with great reluctance. She has had a ministry far beyond the area of her own parish. She has been influential in women's club work throughout the city. Her church has outgrown its present building and she has been active in high school and university campus groups.

REDWOOD CITY. After being without a resident pastor for nearly a year, this church has called Rev. Roland G. de Vries, who is now at work on the field. Mr. de Vries is a brother of Rev. Maurice L. de Vries of Oroville. He is a graduate of Asbury College and Princeton Theological Seminary and has taken graduate work in Boston University. He has served in home mission fields in Montana and at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Boston. In coming to Redwood City he is transferring his ministerial standing to our fellowship. He is a young man of great promise and Redwood City is exceedingly happy with its prospects of moving forward under his leadership.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. This church has held a four-day preaching mission with the Rev. Alan P. Tory of St. Stephen's Church of Sydney, Australia, as the speaker. His subjects included: "Hands Across the Pacific," "The Quest for Fullness of Life," "Christ and Zaccheus," "Paul on Mars' Hill," and "The Goal Before Us." Mr. J. W. Payne, long-time member of the church, has been appointed extension director to assist in increasing the membership. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. October 3 saw the commencement of the annual School for Christian Living, with Dr. Carl Landauer as speaker. The school will continue each Wednesday throughout October, beginning with a cooperative dinner. Church school held an all-day picnic on September 15 at Redwood Regional Park. The first class in Week Day Religious Education for 5th and 6th grade children began on September 28. Rev. Robert Inglis is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. and Mrs. John G. Dickey have left for their new field of work in Beaverton, Oregon. Many gifts and expressions of affection were presented to the Dickeyes before their going. Various organizations in the county sponsored receptions. The roof on the Angels Camp Church has been renewed. Richard Coke Wood of Murphys will supply the two churches for a Sunday or two.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. Leonard C. Fuqua has resigned to take effect in the near future. He has not announced his plans and as yet the church has made no selection of a successor. Mr. Fuqua has worked diligently canvassing from house to house and has made a great many friends.

HAYWARD. This church has felt a loss in the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Hoyt, who for many years served as organist, having been elected fifty years ago. She was also active in almost every department. Funeral services were conducted by the minister, Rev. Richard C. Norberg.

SOQUEL. An autumn get-together of officers and workers was held at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson on September 26. Superintendent and Mrs. Harley H. Gill were guests. A program of work for the reaching of the enlarging community was discussed. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Annual meeting was held early in October, following a pot-luck supper. The executive board presented a five-year plan of action by means of a picture screen. Rev. Robert W. Moon is the pastor.

LODI, FIRST. Both sanctuary and Sunday School room have been redecorated and the lowering of the ceiling in the latter has conquered acoustic difficulties and improved the lighting. Fittingly enough, the first service in the re-decorated sanctuary was conducted by Rev. A. R. Boone, the pastor, on V-J Day. Junior High and High School Pilgrim Fellowship groups have commenced their fall program. The week-day school of religious education began its second year on September 18 with eleven local pastors teaching 350 children from four grades. Mr. Boone is general chairman of this fine project.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Young people of Plymouth House held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. Ford Forsyth on September 9, and following the reception adjourned to the sanctuary where a special program was arranged to receive new members into their group. This church claims as its special representatives to the foreign field Rev. and Mrs. Everett Blake, and during their stay in California the Blakes have spoken before almost all the groups within the church. Rev. Douglas Horton of New York was pulpit guest on September 30. Rev. Vere V. Loper is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. September Family Night was held at University Christian Church, with a large number attending the pot-luck supper. A magician provided the entertainment. All organizations of the church are moving into the fall schedule with spirited enthusiasm. The lot made vacant by the razing of the Social House after the fire, is being converted into a playground, with horseshoes, badminton, Peteca, ping-pong and volley ball. Rev. Eugene Haynes is the pastor.

BENICIA. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe has announced the monthly evenings of special interest again this year. One night a month will be devoted to a hobby. These will include hiking, music, books, poetry, dream houses, photography, an international-interracial night, and one's philosophy of life.

LODI, EBENEZER. A large, well located and attractive site has been purchased for an entirely new plant, which will embody both church and parsonage. Architectural drawings are being made. Something over \$35,000 has been subscribed. Rev. Fred W. Gross is pastor.

SARATOGA. New hymnals which were recently purchased were dedicated at the Sunday morning service September 2. The regular church-community pot-luck supper took the form of a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Fred R. Morrow.

PETALUMA. Rev. and Mrs. Herbert C. Gans and their three children have arrived and are now located in the parsonage and have had an auspicious beginning in their pastorate.

KENWOOD. Rev. E. W. Perry of Sonoma has been invited to preach at Kenwood two Sundays a month until a new pastor is secured.

ORINDA. This church is looking forward to the coming of Rev. Fred R. Morrow the first of October. Rev. Miles B. Fisher supplied for two Sundays in September and Superintendent Harley Gill on September 30.

WOODSIDE. Rev. Burton M. Palmer had an unusual experience in having, as a gift from his son, David, a trip by air to Washington, D. C.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. E. Leroy Abbott comes as the new minister. For two years he has served the Methodist Church at Escalon. He is a graduate of Geneva College, Pennsylvania, and of the Theology School of Boston University. He is married and has two sons. He has served churches in the Boston area and in the Pittsburgh Conference. Both he and his wife have had experience in city missionary work. Rev. and Mrs. Donald F. Gaylord were given a heart-warming reception upon their departure, with gifts of a very lovely coffee table and a substantial purse.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. On September 9 this church received as its 100th member the Rev. G. Austin Charnock, who had served it as pastor some thirty years ago. On this occasion, Mr. Charnock was pulpit guest. The annual nine-evening Christian Crusade, which has become an institution, comes to an end with World Communion Sunday. Speakers have been Rev. Herbert Ottwell, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, and the pastor, Rev. Eugene Sill.

PESCADERO. This church has joined the increasing list of those providing a subscription to THE PACIFIC for every church family. In addition it publishes a mimeographed paper of its own, which is to come out during the last part of each month. A community handcraft group has been organized and is creating great interest among outsiders as well as folks within the church. Rev. William F. Keeney is pastor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. A vacation church school during the summer enrolled 90 children, and there were 12 faculty members. A public program was held on closing night when each class demonstrated its work. Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Buell Gallagher are co-pastors.

ALAMEDA. Four members were received into fellowship on September 23. Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, who was pastor at Northfield, Minn., where Rev. Ralph V. Conard attended college, was guest preacher on September 16.

SACRAMENTO. This church continues to sponsor a branch Sunday School in the Riverside district. On September 19 the church celebrated its 96th anniversary. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

PORTERVILLE. A lot in the rear of the church and parsonage, which was sold some years ago, has been repurchased. It is to be used for recreation. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Gordon Foster will conduct a Wednesday evening Bible class, devoting each evening to a book of the New Testament. He is still serving both the Congregational and Presbyterian churches.

SAN JOSE. Thirty officers and committee chairmen of this church spent a Sunday afternoon at a home overlooking the city to discuss and decide upon the central plans for the coming year. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

No meeting of the Federation in October. Meeting as usual the third Thursday of November.

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORTS

A special meeting of the Federation was held on Tuesday, September 18, in the First Church, Oakland. The announcement of the death of Rev. E. T. Sherman was a shock to all, and the sympathy of the women went out to Mrs. Sherman, as well as to Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, whose husband died at the end of August. We were also very sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Robert d'Erlach's mother. We listened with pleasure to the citation given to Mrs. Ernest Evans by her Alma Mater, Mt. Holyoke, telling how much her spirit and example had meant to the college. Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, spoke of an excellent Thank Offering service in the September issue of Guide Posts. Mrs. Ralph Sargeant takes Mrs. T. E. Borden's place on the Printing Committee.

Our two speakers for the morning were Mrs. Everett Blake (Lynda Goodsell) who came to us, after eight years in Turkey, to speak on "My America and Your Turkey"; and Rev. Albert Stauffacher, General Secretary of the Missions Council, who outlined for us the objectives of the "Crusade for Christianity" which should be our post-war program. After lunch, Mrs. Ralph Conard reported on the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Cazadero.

At the close of the Federation meeting, as many of the Associations as had an attendance to warrant it, met in separate rooms to discuss problems or hear of successes. There were three of these: Upper Bay, Redwood Empire, and Bay. Mrs. W. H. Burhans, President of Redwood Empire Association, reported representatives from Sebastopol, Cotati, Pengrove and Cloverdale. Their hour was given over chiefly to the consideration of ways to treat the devotional period and the means of increasing the spiritual appeal.

From Mrs. Verdette Walters, President of Upper Bay Association, came a very full and interesting report. Of the eight societies in the Association, seven either were represented or sent reports, which, your editor contends, is an excellent record. Antioch, to start alphabetically, had, besides meetings of their own with travel talks and book reviews, taken part in various neighborhood gatherings in a spirit of cooperation. Benicia women are ahead of the game with an attractive program folder for 1945-46. This program arranges for talks and discussions by interracial speakers, as well as an all-nations Christmas luncheon. Two programs are to be presented by the newly organized "Study Group of Missions." Evidently it was recognized that if a study group on missions were to be started, it had better have an immediate objective at which to aim. Crockett has relied greatly on outside speakers this year. Mrs. Reese McGee of Martinez gave a review of Dr. Mary Cushman's book, "Missionary Doctor"; Miss Mary Seely, one of our Directors and also on the M. E. M. Board, spoke of that organization and all it stands for; and at a luncheon honoring Mrs. Garcia, whom the Federation heard last month, Mrs. Garcia spoke of her experiences working with Dr. Laubach in the Philippines and elsewhere. Martinez is fairly bubbling with activities, which range from a Labor Day of their own in which the women scrubbed and dusted to get the church spotless to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Donald Gaylord, to a musical afternoon by the

Junior Choir, a play on "Interdenominational Cooperation" presented by Mrs. T. T. Giffen, and another on China put on by the young people of the Sunday School, directed by Mrs. Walters. The Pilgrim Fellowship, aided by the church women, are raising money for the purchase of chimes in memory of Rev. T. T. Giffen. Pittsburg has decided to disband the separate Circles and carry on as one group. The first meeting under this arrangement was a most enthusiastic one and the new officers were installed at an effective candlelighting service. Port Chicago had a dinner meeting followed by installation of officers and an address by Mrs. Walters on "The Challenge of These Days." Indeed, Mrs. Walters is evidently a busy and cooperative Association President, for she has taken some part in the various activities of all these societies. Rio Vista had an autumn Silver Tea and bazaar as one of their outstanding events. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have been most helpful in the women's gatherings, at one time giving a series of kodachrome slides on the "Life of Christ" as portrayed by great artists. However, to your editor's mind the crowning achievement of this, or any other of the churches, was a fellowship dinner to which the women invited their husbands and at which they told of the work of the Federation of Congregational Women! That idea is worth imitating.

Ten churches of the Bay Association were represented for their meeting. These were Alameda, Berkeley North, South Berkeley Community, Oakland Bethany, Oakland First, Oakland Plymouth, Orinda Community, San Francisco First, San Leandro Broadmoor and San Lorenzo. Orinda, we are told, was one of triplets that had entered the Conference the same year, the other two being Arlington Community and South Berkeley Community. Orinda women have had speakers on Race Relations and on work in foreign lands, garden parties, food sales and dinners. They are very happy in the coming of their new minister, Rev. Fred R. Morrow. The South Berkeley Community Church had an especially fine report. Although only nine months old, they have raised between \$600 and \$700 and have made gifts to Uplands Sanitarium, to the Berkeley Council of Churches and Camp Cazadero, and have contributed to the salary of the chaplain at Fairmount Hospital. A lusty infant! Oakland Bethany now has a membership of 84 in the women's group. They have made a unique contribution by aiding in the preparation of young ministers to work in Syria. The triplets are now old-timers, for there is a younger child—the work at San Lorenzo where a population of 6,000 has sprung up almost overnight. The 73-year-old church is totally inadequate for the demands upon it. The Sunday School, grown from 15 to 200, must meet partly in the church kitchen and partly in the auditorium. Last April, Mrs. James Price, Federation President, and Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, Association President, assisted in forming a woman's organization. There were thirty present at the luncheon this month. The work of Berkeley North is naturally much hampered by the loss of their Social Hall by fire, but they manage a family dinner once a month. Broadmoor is fortunate in having two groups of younger women, San Francisco First has raised its quota from \$80 to \$100.

Of the multifarious activities in the remaining three churches reporting, it is

BOOK REVIEW

"Daniel Evans, Teacher, Preacher, Theologian." Edited by Raymond Calkins. Pilgrim Press, price \$2.00. For more than a generation Daniel Evans was a well known and respected figure in Congregational circles centering in Boston. During two pastorates he prepared himself so well in philosophy and theology that he was called to be Abbott Professor of Systematic Theology in Andover Theological Seminary. It will be a surprise to many to learn that his beginnings were in the coal mines of Pennsylvania where he toiled underground from the age of six until he was eighteen years old. He had some schooling but in the main he prepared himself for higher education by his own efforts. He mastered languages by himself, using a New Testament in French, or German, or whatever the language might be, a grammar, and a dictionary.

This story is told in the autobiographical sketch. One of his sermons and two important papers from his pen reveal the method and content of his mind. The book also contains brief contributions of appreciation and interpretation by Dr. Calkins, Pres. Herrick, and Dean Dabney of Andover Newton, by Professor Nels F. S. Ferre, successor to Dr. Evans in the Abbott professorship and by Dr. Frederick H. Page, president of the Andover trustees. The love and esteem expressed by these colleagues will be echoed in the hearts of many who remember him as teacher and preacher and fellow minister.—Hugh Vernon White.

"The world is full of trouble, but it is also full of the overcoming of trouble."—Helen Keller.

possible to speak only briefly. Alameda has a group doing work in Braille—an unusual contribution. The women also raised \$500 for the Week-day Religious Education work. Plymouth had had a "School for Christian Women" conducted by Dr. Hugh Vernon White, and well attended. A noteworthy fact is that 60 per cent of their League membership are young women. Oakland First at the time of the Thank Offering ingathering had a special service with a play written and directed by Miss Mary Seely, on the theme of the blessing that had come to many of our boys in the Pacific because of the work of missionaries in past years. All these churches reported work for Red Cross, at Hospitality House and for various relief agencies.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. Every teacher studying his department manual. "Junior High Boys and Girls in the Church," 25c; "Primary Children," 25c; "Nursery Children," 25c. Officers, pastors, and members of Religious Education Committees should use the general manual, "Christian Education in Our Church," 35c.

2. Hold a special training course or participate (80 per cent attendance) in a community leadership training school. Every teacher can become a better teacher. Fine leadership training materials are available.

3. Have a dedication service for teachers. Our teachers need not only the deepest personal dedication and commitment to the Christian life, but a humble recognition that Power and Truth and Love come from God and can only be transmitted by teachers. The church also needs to recognize the service and the responsibility of its teachers, and to pledge them full cooperation.

4. Subscribe to "Children's Religion," "Pilgrim Highroad," and "International Journal of Religious Education," and use them. These are important tools. "Children's Religion" might well be in the hands of every children's division teacher.

5. Enroll as a World Service Church School. The plan involves using at least six missionary programs per year. Materials are furnished. An offering is to be taken at least once for Congregational missions. Enrollment is \$1 per year.

6. Have regular staff meetings. Too little and too late often characterizes church school planning. Strategy of advance in the community, as well as holiday and other programs, need good management. Has your Church School charted and studied its curriculum? Do you know why you are doing what you do?

7. Reach every church and church school home with materials for home worship and Christian teaching. We dare not assume that parents of young or older children are actively cooperating with Christian Education, unless we have visited the home, suggested specific materials, and left a challenge for cooperation on definite projects of home worship and church school advance.

NEW NICHOLS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols of the South Berkeley Community Church have been blessed by the arrival in their home of a tiny baby girl, born Sunday morning, September 9. Her name is Melisande.



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